MINE CONTROVERSY HANGS F

Verdes mine issue, the County Board of Supervisors voted to adjourn the hearing until December 9 of 9 or many supervisors which to promote the next Torrance will come sometime at the beginning of the year. to adjourn the hearing until December 9 at 9 a.m. in order among the ranks to hear the evidence presented by Great Lakes Carbon rather than and the South Bay Homeowners Association.

Since the last hearing before up convincing evidence to dis- inspection laboratory in Los prove the other side's claims. These arguments were presented yesterday before the Board.

During the interval between the last hearing and the present Jones Co. one, the homeowners opposing the creation of a mine organized by forming the South Bay Homeowners Association, composed of representatives from Postponed Torrance, Redondo Beach, Lomita, Palos Verdes, San Pedro, Walteria, Rolling Hills, Portuguese Bend, Hollywood Riviera, the City Council at its last ter "further study." Dapplegray. Lane, and other nearby communities.

Spokesmen for the group maintained that the mining permit was granted 'ex parte' without a public hearing and desnite the fact that a recent request for the rezoning of this same location as a commercail zone was refused.

"If this permit is granted," it was stated, "open-pit mining would be started over a new 164 acres area-roughly the equivalent of 64 square city blocks and to a depth equal to that of a 17-story building.'

30-Year Supply

The homeowners also maintained that a 300-year supply of diatomaceous earth still exists at the company's Lompoc mine, making the new quarry unnecessary.

and would continue in operation as a result of the new steps to correct the situation. Classified section: mine. Residents in the Wal- studied and introduced. Crossteria vicinity were said to have connections have been eliminhad this irritating powder-like ated and an automatic shut-off dust blanket their homes and system has been installed. Improperty.

homes and just 500 feet from stated. the PV college campus, it was declared.

the Board of Supervisors sev- homeowners group maintained. post open to aperal weeks ago, both sides were Leo W. Carlstrom, who op- plicants at large. actively engaged in mustering erates an engineering test and

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meeting that the John Wiley

> eliminate previous health and safety hazards, the Council company's request that the hearing be post-

poned till December 22. At that tim the Council will decide what is to be done with the company which had been when deadly chlorine escaped street.

in dangerous quantities." Improvements Made

Following the Council's at pet and music stand. It was emphasized that the Walteria plant which processed the earth, has existed 20 years the earth, has existed 20 years provements have been carried The proposed mine is less considerably beyond the minthan 1200 feet from existing imum requirement, it was

New Location

Prevailing winds from the the company has opened nego; tihnk of it this way: You ocean would carry the harmful tiations for transfering the might be living next door to a dicalite dust into the whole plant to another location one-musical genius, and Unander, metropolitan Los Angeles dishalf mile away from residential his trumpet, and The Torrance trict and thus add to the already- areas. The location involved Prses may have made your perplexing smog problem, the was not revealed as yet



seded.

The City Council accepted the

recommendation of the Civil

Service Commission. The Com-

The City Council's move

Examinations

within the ranks. They were

consistently opposed by Coun-

cilmen Willys Blount and Har-

man made a final comment in

the matter at last week's coun-

cil meeting when he warned,

"You have appointed a man

from two eligibles in a city of

Those favoring the move have

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rather than throw the examination for the Mayor Mervin M. Schwab swung the 2-2 deadlock and reversed the Coun-

falls in line with the views cil's previous expressed by many local resistand when he voted in favor dents as well as the wishes of of a closed examination. When both the fire and police department members. The Torthe issue first arose several rance Press also came out in weeks ago the mayor had voted favor of promotion from in favor of an open examinaamong the ranks in a recent tion but qualified his move on another occasion when he said editorial. Following assurances given that he wished to give the mat-

Two Qualify Assistant Chief Willard Has-Jones company lam and Detective Capt. Ernie has already Ashton thus become eligible to January, it was reported. taken radical take the Civil Service examinameasures to tion to qualify for appointment

TOOT BRINGS

The next time you hear the 45,000. I think the city is makcited on several occasions for kid next door sourly blasting ing a big mistake." safety violations, the worst of away on a trumpet, think of H. which occurred November 4 Unander, of 1442 West 214th maintained that all initiative of an organization is killed when

One day recently he came members are deprived of promoacross his dust-gathering trum-"A trumpet should be heard

Unander sold his trumpet and stand immediately, so swift was the response to his Torrance Press ad.

The next time the kid next Walter N. Anderson, legal door starts to toot his horn and counsel for the firm, stated that you stuff cotton in your ear, happy lot possible



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EDITORIAL Bulldozing

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce placed the city The City Council reversed its as chief of police on the retire in an embarrassing and ridiculous position recently when Following a heated hearing of the controversial Palos previous decision when it voted ment of Chief John Stroh which individuals in the Chamber took it upon themselves to call a luncheon honoring George Skakel, founder and chairman of the board of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp.

Did President Robert I. Plomert, Jr. have the Chamber of Commerce's executive board's authority to call this luncheon through his executive secretary?

mission submitted this new rec-In the light of the city's protest against the Walteria ommendation when it was discovered that a previous recom- and Palos Verdes dicalite operation now being urged by mendation was based on an or- Great Lakes, it appears as if the Chamber is insisting to dinance which had been superoperate in direct opposition to the city's wishes, since most of the leading citizens were asked to the luncheon.

While the Chamber did not officially sanction the dicalite project, it used a crude method to invite officials o a function to whose actual intentions they are opposed.

Another paper in the Harbor area quoted the Chamber as being in favor of the mining project. While this is not true and nothing to this effect was said by the Chamber, the luncheon implied as much.

Examinations have been called for by the City Manager and will be given by the County Civil Service Board probably in Councilmen Victor Benstead and Nick Drale originally came out in favor of promotion from

vey Spelman. Councilman Spel. ty show. "Blackouts on Revue"

League.

high school au. monies.

settings will be used in the show as follows: French Cafe, Act I; "Streets of New York," Act II; and New York Night Club, Act III. Ten to twelve numbers will

be presented under each of these heads.

Among the performances feathe Torrance High School varie- tured are: "C'est Se Bon," "Dragnet," "Ebb Tide," "Comsponsored by the bo," 'Indian Love Call," 'Istan-Girls' and Boys' bul," "Malaguena," and a fac ulty satire on "Dragnet."

be given at the the show and master of cere-

at 8:15 p.m., will front of McCown's from 9 a.m. was awarded the Golden West feature a great to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow variety of real or by calling FRontier 5-4698. Riding Club trophy for the best Three major the time of the performance. bers of the patrol paraded their W. Raleigh.



'GOOFUS' . . . Deanna Shriver and Donna Isbell (right) insist that "Goofus" applies strictly to the act they are performing and has no personal application. The two will be seen in a "Goofus" dance interpretation in the annual "Blackouts on Revue" to be presented in the Torrance High School auditorium Saturday night.

The performance, which will A chorus line will introduce Mounties Get Trophy

Torrance Mounted Police won horses at the grounds on 190th ditorium starting Tickets may be bought in its first trophy Sunday when it and Inglewood.

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